



**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA  
VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM  
January 18, 2023 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**This meeting will be fully virtual, conducted online via Zoom due to concerns for public health and the potential spread of the Covid-19 virus. Spanish interpretation available.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Minutes
4. **ADD APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Philomena motioned to approve agenda but to change Item 8 to an information item due to lack of time to review David Ortiz Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
  - i. **Marissa: Kelly knight is no longer with Alpha Project. Suggests to remove from agenda. Julie suggested not to take them off but will add new representative Amy Castaneda next month.**
  - ii.
- b.
5. **Non-agenda Communications from the Public (2 min per speaker)**
  - a. **Y Huang: Captain Olivera is on the line. Main St and Harbor Drive Clean up. Mariners Park off of 32<sup>nd</sup> St. 9am-12pm. Chollas Creek clean up starting for one week.**
  - b.
6. **Staff and Standing Reports (3 min per report):**
  - a. City of San Diego Council District 8: **Elizabeth Rodriguez**
    - i. **Green trash bins being delivered. 92113 should be delivered by end of February. Family homes are primary focus.**
    - ii. **Crosswalks will be placed on Logan ave. Will be done at night. Completed next 30 days or so. Lights on Logan Ave were fixed.**
    - iii. **Boston Linear Park. Caltrans should begin construction in February. Benches, lights, etc. Will last until October.**
    - iv. **Travel lodge being used as homeless shelter.**
    - v. **Liz reached out to see if vfw needed help after agenda.**
    - vi. **Street parking will be implemented in the next 90 days.**
  - b. City of San Diego Mayor: **Lucero Maganda ABSENT**
  - c. City of San Diego Planning Department: **Marlon Pangilinan**

**PLANNING GROUP MEMBERS:**

Joseph Allen Here AYE  
John Alvarado Here AYE  
Ernie Becerra Here AYE  
Matt Carr HERE  
Marissa Cassani HERE Aye  
Julie Corrales HERE Aye  
Lucas Cruz HERE Aye  
David Duea HERE Aye  
Klaus Gohlke ABSENT  
Philomena Marino Here Aye  
David Ortiz HERE Aye  
Katie Pipes Here Aye  
Claudia Rodriguez-Biezunski  
HERE Aye  
Areli Santillan ABSENT  
Kenny Soreano HERE Aye  
Capt. Ted Carlson – US Navy  
ABSENT  
Rafael Castellanos – Port of S.D.  
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- i. **After Feb 10<sup>th</sup> we will be moving back to in person. Virtual meetings are possible but members who decide to meet remotely have to list address. January 24<sup>th</sup> Council will be discussing issue.**
  - ii. **CPG REFORM. Working on how to get everyone in compliance.**
- d. **Port of San Diego: Ron Powell**
  - i. **Port of SD working on installing air monitors and air purifiers in homes with county air pollution board. Installed over 100 monitors already.**
  - ii. **Work will soon start to make upgrades to Cesar Chavez Park. Will be closed for 120 days for grass to root. Rachel Ortiz gave the ok for Barrio Stations Soccer League.**
  - iii. **American Lung Association hosting Lung Force Walk. Free to everyone Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>.**
  - iv. **Congrats to John Alvarado for winning star of India on boat parade of lights.**
- e. **County of San Diego; Supervisor First District: Andrew Harvey**
  - i. **Supervisor Nora sworn in as Chair of the Board. Non profit grant funding available.**
  - ii. **Amy Castaneda: Policy advisor small business liaison. Funds available for businesses impacted by COVID.**
- f. **80<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District: Mayra Hernandez**
  - i. **AB 91: Bill will allow low income students to attend community college if they reside in 51 miles from the border. Will have to pay tuition.**
  - ii. **Homebuyer workshop upcoming in March.**
  - iii. **Coffee with Assemblymember will be brought back.**
  - iv. **Were building together San Diego. If you need house painted or minor repairs.**
- g. **Alpha Project: ABSENT**
- h. **Barrio Logan Association: Marissa Cassani**
  - i. **Brief Update: Travel Lodge is one of the major focuses. BLA Seeking letters of support.**
  - ii.
- i. **San Diego Police Department: Officer Tavares ABSENT**

## 7. Reports from the Planning Group Board

- a. **Community Planners Committee update: No meeting held in December. January 24<sup>th</sup> will be next meeting 6-7:45. City Council Policy 600 will be bringing major changes encouraged to look into.**
- b. **BLPG Sub Committees: No Plans to review for review committee.**
- c. **Other updates/announcements: CPMCC is at the top of the list for housing BLPG meetings. John suggested Don Diego.**
- d. **John: Sailing class will begin to help young people how to sail. Will also have a new program to help people get their power boat license.**
- e. **Julie: MCC called meeting at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Will provide additional information on next meeting once received.**

## 8. ~~Action~~ **Information Item: MAAC – Mercado Apartments Development** (15 min presentation / 10 min Q&A)

- a. **Oscar Del Toro: MAAC has been dedicated itself to helping low income housing. Proposing a 100% affordable housing project.**
- b. **Gil Martinez: Architect of Cesar Chavez Continuing Education. Hiring students from UC Berkely to help with planning process.**
- c. **92 total units. 1,2,and 3 bedrooms. City Parking requirements are made. Commons are and courtyard area added.**
- d. **Focus on families not car housing.**

- e. **Trying to keep it low 4 stories. Dilemma is that they are surrounded by industrial.**
- f. **4<sup>th</sup> level will have projecting platform looking out to the bay.**
- g. **Plans were not received on time but questions will be taken.**
- h. **David Ortiz: Where is the parking for all the residents? No parking for residents. Extreme shortage of parking. Oscar: cost of additional parking makes project cost prohibitive. Cant prioritize parking over housing. Tough choice to make. David: Hesitant that it will become a cluster. Curious of what residents of garden homes will say to this. Oscar: we have talked to the residents and they strategically are located next to a trolley. Public amenities are close by also. David: requested additional renderings. Each unit has balconies. Engagement with public is encouraged.**
- i. **Kenny: Project looks nice but concerns of parking issues.**
- j. **Philomena: Is this intended to be called the projects. No.**
  - i. **Are you proposing the 30% approved in the plan. All are affordable.**
  - ii. **Please clarify if there will be a space for those who are not residents. They are not certain. Suggested sending a letter to CEO of MAAC.**
  - iii. **Parking has been mentioned. Is project working with SANDAG in regards to trolley. Long trips to commute to La Jolla. Project cannot alleviate all of the problems.**
  - iv. **David: We are just trying to figure out how much of a cluster will be created in the community.**
  - v. **45 bike spaces, 9 motorcycle parking.**
  - vi. **Matt: Shares concerns of David, John, Philomena. Worried about losing parking for quality of life issues.**
  - vii. **Julie: We are dying for housing. Her brother got an eviction notice and has no where to go. Father finally got senior housing after 12 years. People are desperate for housing. Parking issue is real but 92 bedrooms is substantial. We are pushing at these tables MTS and Sandag. We need to remember who we are representing in this community.**
  - viii. **David Duesa: What is the address: 2001 Newton Ave SD, CA 92113**
  - ix. **Julie: Is it possible to make it walkable on the bottom level.**

## 9. Update on previous action items (25 min)

- a. **BLPG Sub Committees:**
  - i. **David: Created Priority List. Recycling Center Limitation, Port District/Car Mechanics, Roscoes Chicken: Operating before and after Construction Hours, Hotel Homeless convergence, Homeless.**
  - ii. **Philomena: Cycle of homelessness due to recycle centers and resources.**
  - iii. **David: Physical Community Board.**
  - iv. **Lizzy: Would like excel Sheet. Keep in mind strong mayor government. Chief of staff is currently reaching out to Chief operating officer of the city.**
  - v. **David: Will send out**
  - vi. **8:09**
- b. **Community disruptive noise and light issues**
- c. **Parking congestion and lack of handicap parking**
- d. **Storm water and storm drain needs**
- e. **Paper street – extension of 26<sup>th</sup> Street**
- f. **Traffic signals on Cesar Chavez Blvd**
- g. **Contaminated soil in Barrio Logan**
- h. **Capital Improvements Project process**

## 10. Adjournment: Next meeting February 15, 2023

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